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The 12 Chinese Zodiacs

Lunar new year is coming soon!
The coming year is the year of monkey!

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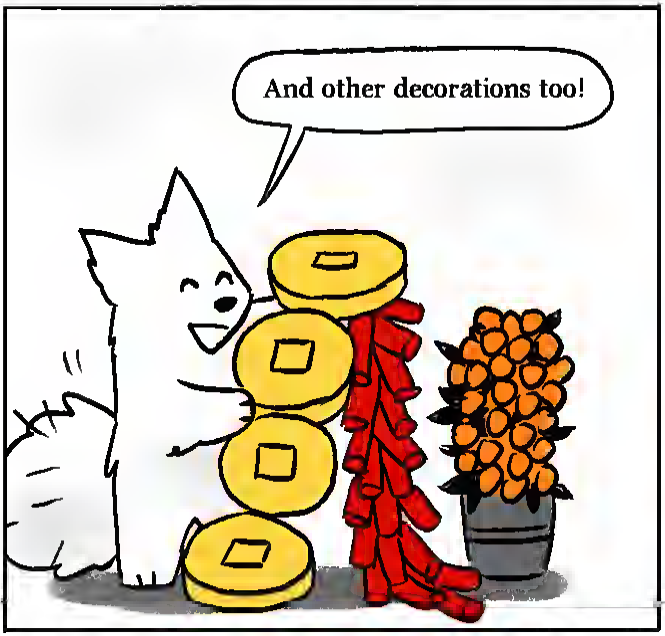
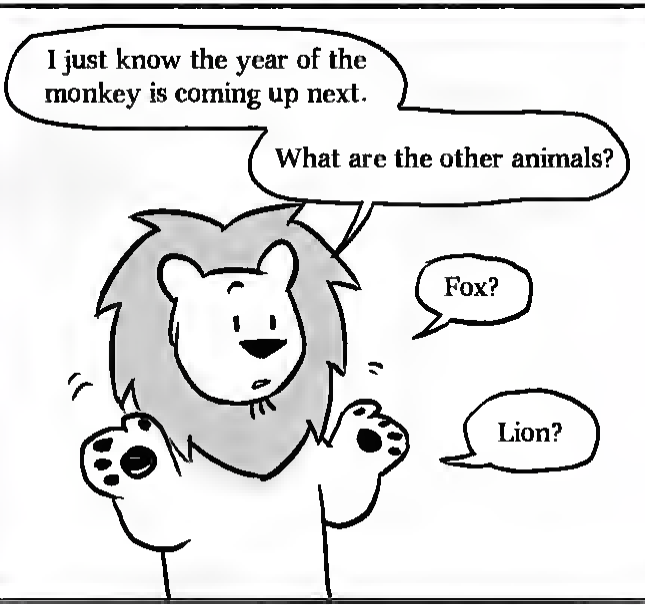

And other decorations too!

Right, have you heard about the 12 Chinese zodiacs?
or the animal zodiacs


I just know the year of the monkey is coming up next.
What are the other animals?
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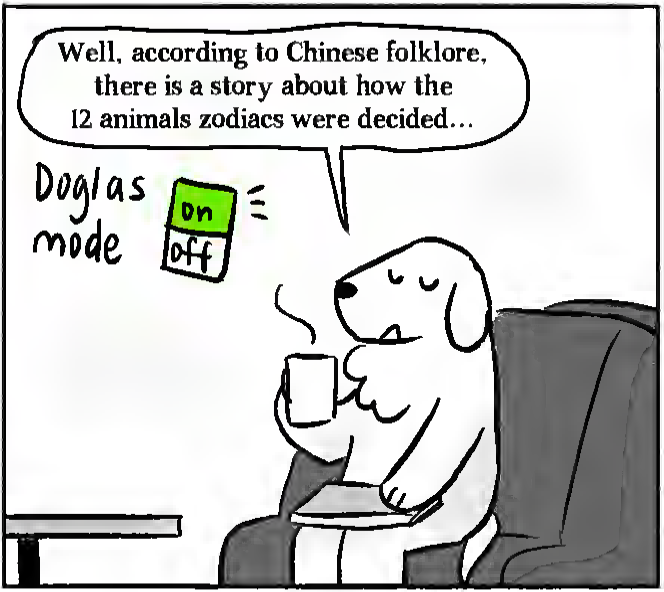
Lion?


Well, according to Chinese folklore, there is a story about how the 12 animals zodiacs were decided...
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Where did the 12 Chinese zodiacs come from?

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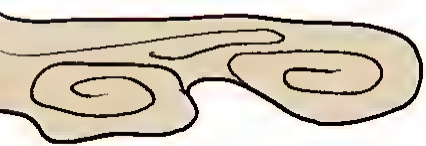

According to ancient Chinese folklore,

the Jade Emperor came up with an idea one day...

Let's measure time with animals as the 12 calendar signs.
How should I decide the order...?

SWIMMING CONTEST

Dear animals, we will hold a swimming contest to determine the calendar signs.
The 12 animals who arrive first will be selected.

At that time, the rat and the cat are good friends.

Hey Foxy-rat, can you wake me up tomorrow morning for the contest?
I always oversleep.
Sure thing!
RAT

However, in the next morning, the rat was too excited for the contest and forgot to wake the cat.

Hello Foxy-rat.
Hello Mr.Ox! I don't swim very well, can you carry me and Cheetah-B on your back?
RAT
No problem.

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GO!!

The ox was a good swimmer and

they reached the other side of the bank very fast.

The rat jumped off the ox

and became the first to cross the river.

Yay!
You're tricky, Foxy-rat. Oh well, nevermind...

The tiger was a skilled swimmer

and got the third place.

The rabbit got the fourth place

by hopping across stepping stones in the river.

I didn't swim at all!

The dragon arrived at the fifth place shortly after.

Then the horse arrives...

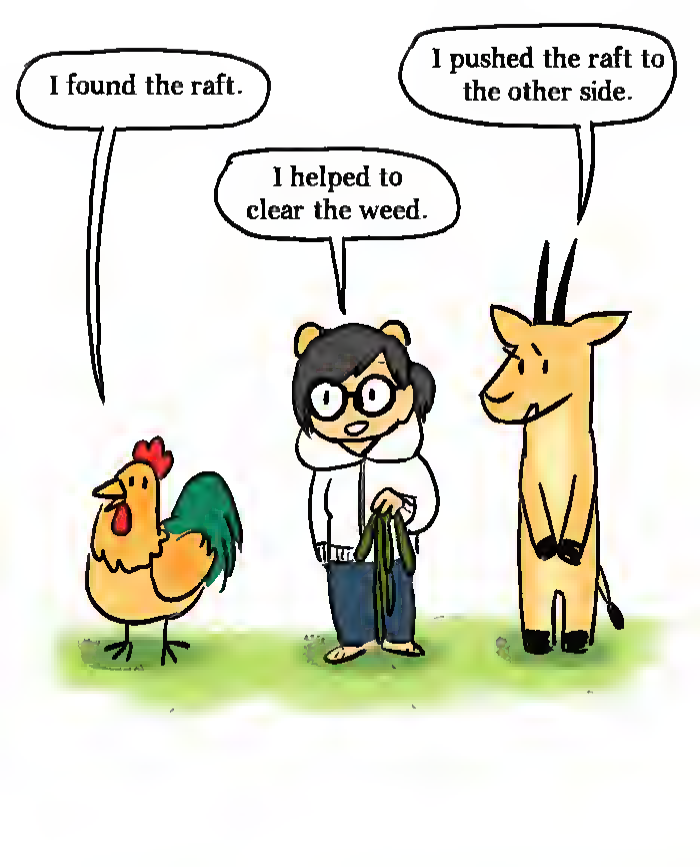
The snake took the sixth place and

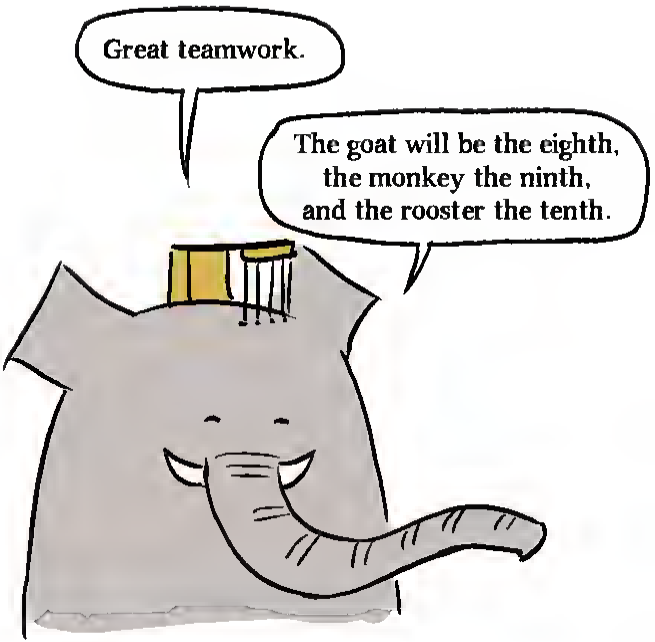
the poor horse got the seventh place.

Then a raft arrived,

carrying the goat, monkey and rooster.

How did you three cross the river?

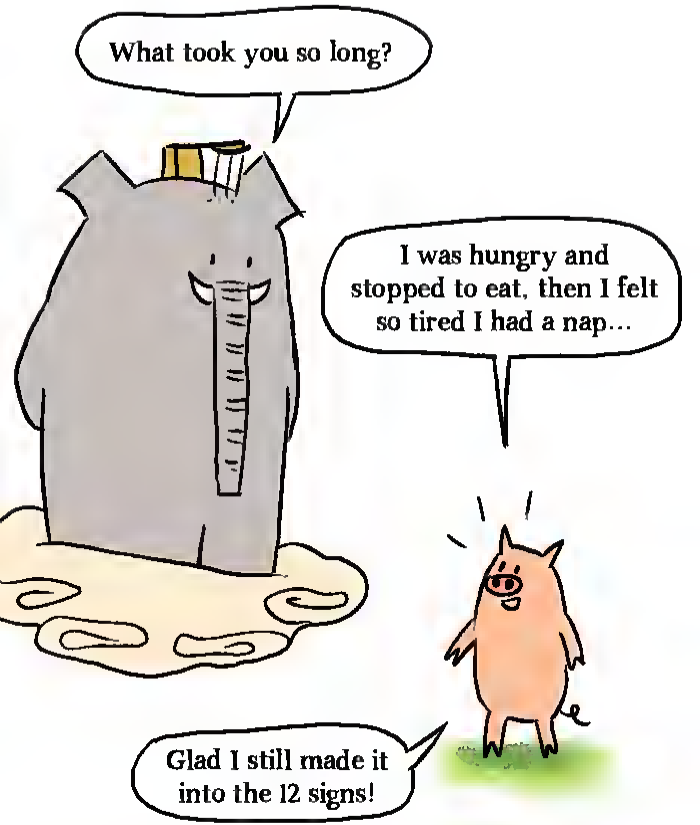

I found the raft.
I helped to clear the weed.
I pushed the raft to the other side.


Great teamwork.
The goat will be the eighth, the monkey the ninth, and the rooster the tenth.

The dog finally arrived and became the eleventh.

Where is the twelfth animal?

I'm here! I'm here!


What took you so long?
I was hungry and stopped to eat, then I felt so tired I had a nap...
Glad I still made it into the 12 signs!

As for the cat who overslept and missed the contest,

it was never friendly with the rat anymore.

Sorry Cheetah-B...
all the 12 places are taken.

Happy Lunar
New Year!!

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Animals Around The World
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Salma Ahmed
I am from Egypt. The national animal is the Steppe Eagle.. It's on the flag, too.

Readers from Egypt!

In ancient Egypt, the eagle or the falcon was the symbol of Horus, god of the sky and war and hunting. The eagle also became a symbol of revolutionary Egypt after the Egyptian Revolution in 1952.

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